

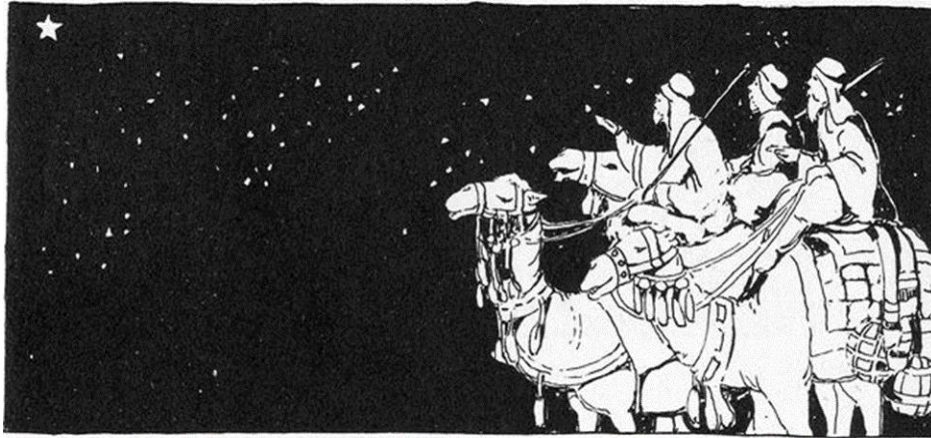
# HOLY COMMUNION

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER

THE EPIPHANY:

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

January 22, 2023



Season of Epiphany

*“Nations will be drawn to your light, and Kings to the dawning of a New Day.”*

*Isaiah 60:3*

*“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.”*

*Isaiah 9*

***Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church*** of the Diocese of Upper South Carolina. We are a Protestant church which originated in England and Scotland in the 16th Century. We join as a family of friends receiving Holy Communion every Sunday to empower our ministry to our community. We are a welcoming and affirming fellowship inviting those who are excluded from other religious traditions regarding gender, orientation or race. Try us and join us!

## WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP

*Everyone is invited to light a candle on the votive stand at the front of the church as a way of making your invisible prayers visible.*

### Personal Prayers

**Guidance:** Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you that you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day; keep us from falling into sin or running into danger, and guide us to do always what is right in your eyes.

**Healing:** Ever-present God of compassion: you know from afar my rising up and my lying down. Grant that I may accept what is past, leaving it with you, that I may live without fear or harsh self-judgment, that I may focus freely on your work of healing in the world. Amen.

**Stewardship:** Creator of all, we have sorely neglected our stewardship of this world. We have placed profit and expediency above our health and the health of our children. Forgive our mindless abuse of the earth and cause all who hold the power of life and death over billions of lives, human, plant and animal, to repent of their selfish motivations and use me and all your people to help change their hearts and minds. Amen.

**Humility:** Gracious God, whose will it is to bring all creation into unity in your Son, Jesus Christ: make me daily disown my overly competitive instincts, that I may “seek peace and pursue” it to welcome all into my life, to the honor and glory of your Name. Amen.

**Against Greed:** God of All, from whom all things come, and all things will return: make me aware of the ways I value material things over right relationships with others. I want to see you at work in all things without desiring to possess them that I may live in you, O Christ, in perfect freedom. In your holy Name I pray. Amen.

**Growth:** O God, you know me better than I know myself: make me aware of the ways in which past abuse and neglect compels me to seek approbation from others rather than trust in the value of my own loveliness that I may live freely rather than distancing myself from others who would walk beside me in my journey. I ask this in the strong and gentle name of Christ, my Lord. Amen.

**Change:** God, you are the source from which all things come at all times and in all lives: Help me, I pray, to embrace change as it inevitably comes by trusting in you, that I may grow into the full stature and Image of your Son, Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

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**About Holy Communion:** *We trust Christ to be truly present in the bread and wine. Through our praise and thanksgiving through the Holy Spirit we are united in His saving grace to the glory of God. Ours is an open table of Holy Communion. All persons, children, and adults, are welcomed to receive.*

**Receiving Holy Communion:** *Come forward as directed by the ushers. Stand or kneel at the altar rail with palms extended to receive the bread. We offer the wine of Holy Communion by common cup or by intinction. Or, if you prefer the bread only, cross your arms over your chest to signal the assistant.*

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**Voluntary**

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

Gabarain/Farlee

*All stand.*



## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Hymn (verses 1-4) 304

I come with joy to meet my Lord

*Unison or harmony*

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

Priest: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People:** *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

## Collect for Purity

Priest: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Song of Praise

6

Christ, whose glory fills the skies



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the  
2 Dark and cheer - less is the morn un - ac - com - pan -  
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of



on - ly Light, Sun of Right - eous - ness, a - rise!  
ied by thee; joy - less is the day's re - turn,  
sin and grief! Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine;



Tri - umph o'er the shades of night: Day - spring from on  
till thy mer - cy's beams I see, till they in - ward  
scat - ter all my un - be - lief; more and more thy -



high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.  
light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

***People: And also with you.***

### **The Collect of the Day**

Priest: Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

### **THE READINGS :**

*The people are seated.*

#### ***A Reading from Isaiah 9:1-4***

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness--on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader: Here ends the Reading.

Jerome Webster Meachen  
(b. 1930)



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## Psalm 27:1, 5–13

### *Dominus illuminatio*

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;

whom then shall I 'fear? \*

the LORD is the strength of my life;

of whom then shall I be a'fraid?

5 One thing have I asked of the LORD;

one thing I 'seek; \*

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my 'life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the 'LORD \*

and to seek him in his 'temple.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his 'shelter; \*

he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling

and set me high upon a 'rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my 'head \*

above my enemies round a'bout me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation

with sounds of great 'gladness; \*

I will sing and make music to the 'LORD.

**10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I ‘call; \***

**have mercy on me and ‘answer me.**

**11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my ‘face." \***

**Your face, LORD, will I ‘seek.**

**12 Hide not your face from ‘me, \***

**nor turn away your servant in dis’pleasure.**

**13 You have been my helper;**

**cast me not a’way; \***

**do not forsake me, O God of my sal’vation.**

***A Reading from 1 Corinthians 1:10–18***

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters.

What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Reader:            Here ends the Reading.

*(We stand as able.)*



Sequence Hymn (VV. 1 & 2) WLP 758 You have come down to the lakeshore

1. Tú \_\_\_\_\_ has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla, \_\_\_\_\_ no has bus -  
 2. Tú \_\_\_\_\_ sa - bes bien lo que ten - go: \_\_\_\_\_ en mi  
 1. You \_\_\_\_\_ have come down to the lake - shore \_\_\_\_\_ seek - ing  
 2. You \_\_\_\_\_ know full well my pos - ses - sions. \_\_\_\_\_ Nei - ther

ca - do \_\_\_\_\_ ni a sa - bios, ni a ri - cos, \_\_\_\_\_ tan só - lo  
 bar - ca \_\_\_\_\_ no hay o - ro ni es - pa - das; \_\_\_\_\_ tan só - lo  
 nei - ther \_\_\_\_\_ the wise nor the weal - thy, \_\_\_\_\_ But on - ly  
 trea - sure \_\_\_\_\_ nor weap - ons for con - quest, \_\_\_\_\_ Just these my

Estribillo  
(Refrain)

que - res \_\_\_\_\_ que yo te si - ga. \_\_\_\_\_ Je -  
 re - des \_\_\_\_\_ y mi tra - ba - jo. \_\_\_\_\_ O  
 ask - ing \_\_\_\_\_ for me to fol - low. \_\_\_\_\_  
 fish nets \_\_\_\_\_ and will for work - ing. \_\_\_\_\_

sús, \_\_\_\_\_ me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos; \_\_\_\_\_ son - ri -  
 Je - sus, \_\_\_\_\_ you have looked in - to my eyes; \_\_\_\_\_ kind - ly

en - do has di - cho mi nom - bre; en la a-  
 smil - ing, you've called out my name. On the

re - na he de - ja - do mi bar - ca; jun - to a  
 sand I have a - ban - doned my small boat; now with

tú bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.  
 you, I will seek oth - er seas.

3. Tú necesitas mis manos,  
 mi cansancio que a otros descansa,  
 amor que quiera seguir amando.  
*Estríbillo*

3. You need my hands, my exhaustion,  
 working love for the rest of the weary  
 a love that's willing to go on loving.  
 Refrain

4. Tú, Pescador de otros mares,  
 ansia eterna de almas que esperan.  
 Amigo bueno, que as' me llamas.  
*Estríbillo*

4. You who have fished other waters;  
 you, the longing of souls that  
 are yearning:  
 As loving Friend, you have come to call me.  
 Refrain

## The Gospel:

Matthew 4:12–23

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People:** *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## **The Sermon**

*(Several moments of silence for reflection follow the sermon)*

## **The Nicene Creed**

*Minister:* Let us rise to confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

***We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.***

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

## **The Prayers of the People**

Minister: With all our heart, soul and mind, let us pray to the Lord.

For the peace of the whole world, for peace among faith traditions, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; Dorsey, Frank and Andrew, our bishops retired, and Phil, our priest; and for all clergy and peoples, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord hear our prayer.***

For Joe, our President; Henry, our Governor, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority in our community, that peace through justice prevail, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We pray for those who serve our community in public safety, social service and education. And for doctors, nurses and all who put themselves in danger to provide for our health and well-being. Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We give thanks for Michael Killingsworth, Stephen Killingsworth, and Joe Galloway, serving in our armed forces at present. Hasten the day, O Lord, when your Peaceable Kingdom shall reign throughout the world. Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the lonely, aged and infirm, for widows and orphans, and for the sick and suffering especially, **Drew Clarke\***, **Betty Catoe**, **Earle Holmes**, **Pat Thompson**, **Wes Revels**, **Eric Sullivan**, **John Riemann\***, **Sandra Caldwell**, **Susan Bowers**, **Sherry Stalvey**, **Gene Alexander\***, **Kevin Jaillette**, **Helen**, **Randy Horton**, **Susanne Horton**, **Nancy Wilson**, **Brenda Sutton**, **Betty Sue Taylor**, **Dixie Roberts**, **Hayes Robinson**, **Richard Knight**, **Joan Bixby\***, **Dianne Johnson**, **Aubrey Crawford\***, **Tric Deaton\***, **Father Bill Walters**, **John Port**, **Michelle**

**Knight, Karen, Diana, Libby Woodruff, Earl Adams, Cindy Williams, Wayne Moore, Randall Robinson, Diane Plyler, Rebecca Bryson, John Rhodes, Corey Montgomery, Buddy Wilson, Bill Jarvis, Ricky Wilson, Jessica Sims, Joe Timmons, Claudia Haithcock, Kathy Wilson, Ira & Judy Bell;** and for whom else shall we pray? (*Silence for remembrance*) Leader: Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For God's blessing on those celebrating birthdays especially, Judy Bell and Joan Crawford and those celebrating anniversaries especially, Father Bill and Dana Lee Walters. Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We give thanks for the lives of those who, though gone from our sight, rest from their labors whom we name before you. (silence) Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For justice and relief for the poor and the oppressed, the trafficked, for refugees and the hungry in Africa, the cold in Ukraine, for the unemployed; for prisoners and those imprisoned unjustly, those struggling with addictions, and for deliverance from political violence, terrorism and ecological disaster, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We thank you, O God creator of all, for the good earth and her creatures which you have given us. We thank you for those who work for its restoration and to protect it, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*The Priest:*

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit that we may live according to your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

## Confession & Absolution

*The Priest says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and **People**:*

***Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father: in your compassion; forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Priest:

God forgives all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, that you may be strengthened in all goodness, faith, and love by the power of the Holy Spirit to keep you in eternal life now and forever. ***Amen.***

## The Peace

*All stand.*

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People: And also with you.***

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*(The people may be seated.)*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Offertory Sentence:

Priest: I ask you brothers and sisters, to offer your selves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God which is your true and proper worship. *Romans 12:1*





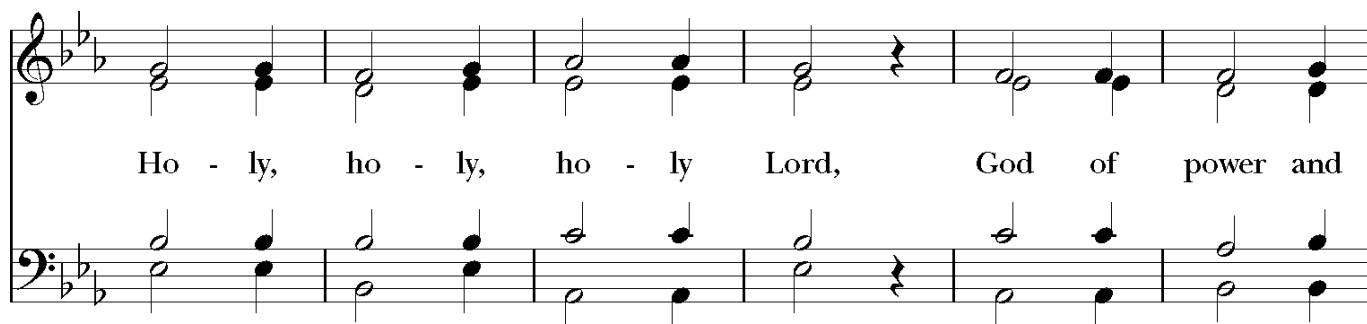
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you. O Lord, Holy Father through Christ our Lord.

In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh. You have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that beholding the God made visible we may be drawn to love the God we cannot see. And so, with the church on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join the unending hymn:

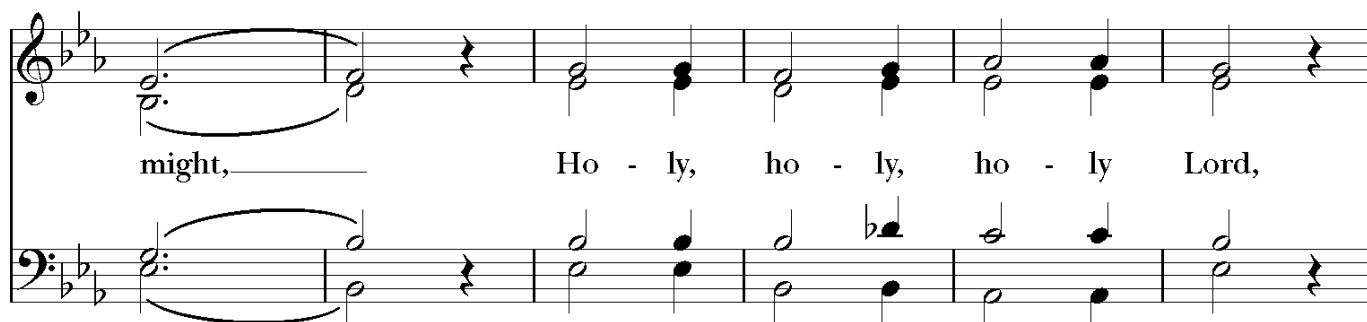
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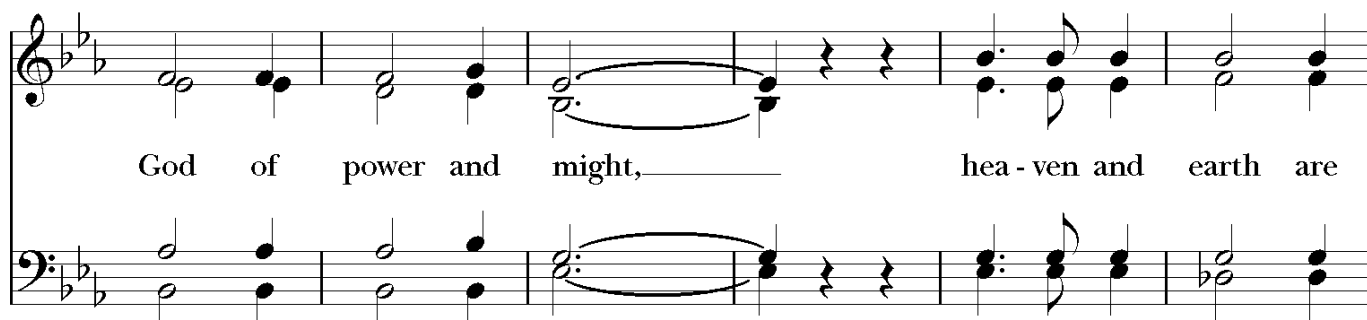
Holy, holy, holy Lord



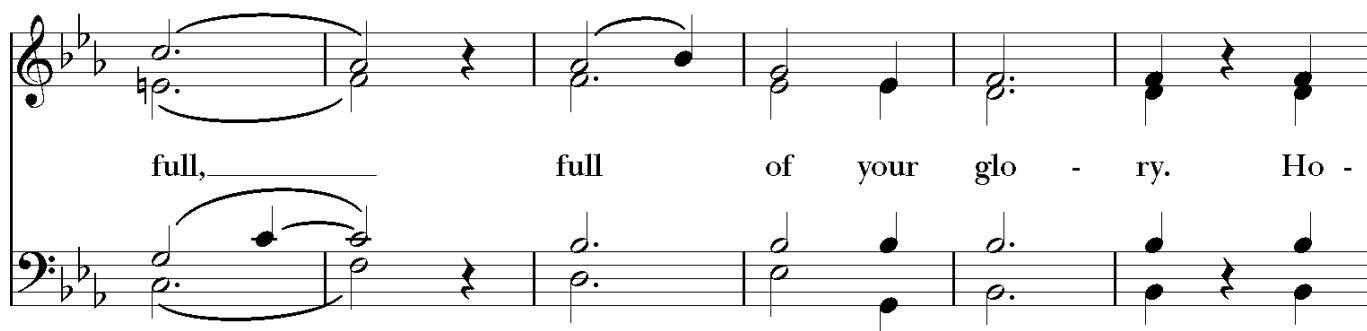
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and



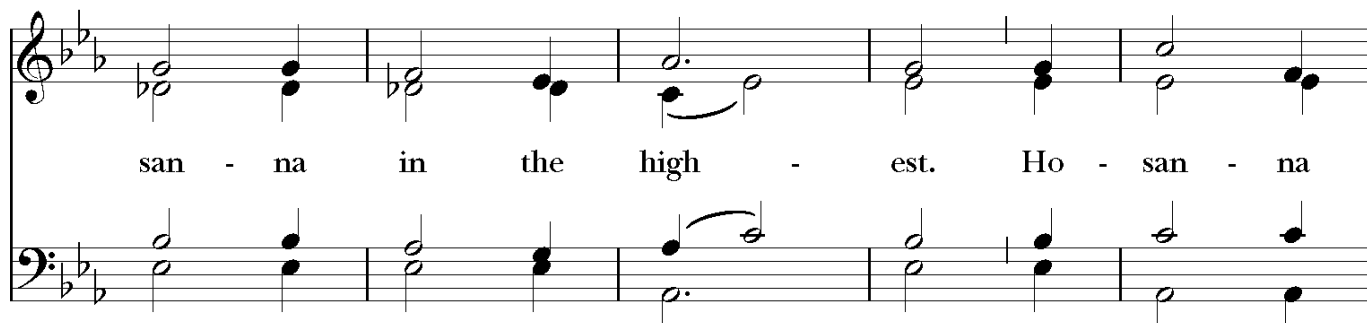
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are



full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you make known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; spoken through your prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For at the right time you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you deliver us from the power of evil, and make us worthy to stand before you. In him, you bring us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness of faith, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and **People**:

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, unite all things in your Son, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Isaiah, your prophet, Mary the Mother of our Lord, Paul, Timothy, Titus, John Chrysostom and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**

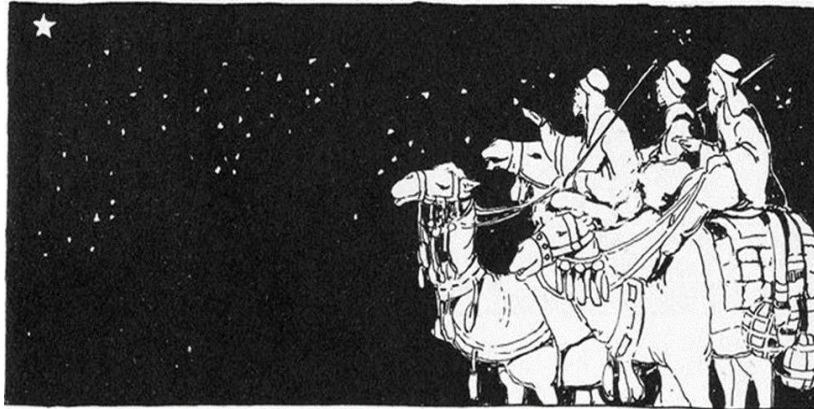
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

## The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*



Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty

hands up - lift - ed Now the kneel - ing Now the plea

Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come Now the hear - ing

Now the power Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing

Now the Bo - dy Now the Blood Now the joy - ful

cel - e - bra - tion Now the wed - ding Now the songs

Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing Now the Spi - rit's

vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - an - y

Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Come, for all is prepared.

Music at the Communion

LEVAS 151

One bread, one body

One bread, one bod-y,

The first system of music features a vocal line in G major and 4/4 time. It begins with a whole rest for two measures, followed by a quarter rest and a quarter note G4. A repeat sign with first and second endings follows. The first ending consists of a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The second ending consists of a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The piano accompaniment consists of a right hand with chords and a left hand with a simple bass line.

one Lord of all, one cup of

The second system continues the vocal line with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. This is followed by a whole rest for two measures, then a quarter rest and a quarter note G4. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and a bass line.

bles - ing which we bless. And we, though

The third system continues the vocal line with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. This is followed by a whole note G4, then a quarter rest and a quarter note G4. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and a bass line.

man - y, through-out the earth, We are one

The first system of the musical score consists of a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a half note 'man - y,' followed by a quarter note rest, then a half note 'through-out' and a quarter note 'the' with a slur over 'earth,'. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines in both hands.

*Last time* ⊕

bod - y in this one Lord.

*Last time* ⊕

The second system includes a 'Last time' instruction with a circle containing a cross symbol (⊕) above the vocal line. The vocal line has a half note 'bod - y' and a quarter note 'in this', followed by a half note 'one' and a quarter note 'Lord.' with a slur. The piano accompaniment continues with harmonic support. A second 'Last time' instruction with the same symbol is placed above the piano part. The system concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or  
 2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the  
 3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and

The third system features three numbered lyrics: '1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or', '2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the', and '3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and'. The vocal line has rests for the first two measures, then notes for the lyrics. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support throughout the system.



1. free, wom - an or man,  
 2. works, one in the Lord  
 3. grown, gath - ered to one

1. — no more. One  
 2. — of all. One  
 3. — for all. One

*D.S.*

*D.S.*

⊕ CODA

Lord.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says: Let us pray.*

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

*(Standing or kneeling, as able.)*

Celebrant and ***People***:

***Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.***

1 Christ for the world we sing! The world to  
 2 Christ for the world we sing! The world to  
 3 Christ for the world we sing! The world to  
 4 Christ for the world we sing! The world to

Christ we bring with lov - ing zeal; the poor, and  
 Christ we bring with fer - vent prayer; the way - ward  
 Christ we bring with one ac - cord; with us the  
 Christ we bring with joy - ful song; the new - born

them that mourn, the faint and o - ver - borne,  
 and the lost, by rest - less pas - sions tossed,  
 work to share, with us re - proach to dare,  
 souls, whose days, re - claimed from er - ror's ways,

sin - sick and sor - row - worn, whom Christ doth heal.  
 re - deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.  
 with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.  
 in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

## **The Blessing**

*(Standing)*

Priest: May the Light of Christ fill your heart, soul, and mind that we, and all the world, be one in Him; and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and forever. ***Amen.***

## **The Dismissal**

Celebrant: Let us go forth from this place to love God and serve our neighbors.

***People: Thanks be to God.***

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Fellowship time follows in the fellowship room following the service.  
Congregation is also welcomed to remain in prayer following the dismissal.

## **TODAY**

**The flowers today** are provided by Aubrey and Joan Crawford in honor of her birthday.

**Holy Communion** listen on 107.5 FM or Facebook Live: Christ Church Lancaster

**Nursery:** It is our joy and delight to have small children present during worship. However, if you choose, we have a nursery room available for children with parental supervision. A TV live streaming the service is provided. We invite all children in the nursery to return to the church to commune with the congregation.

## THIS WEEK

**Boy Scouts** meet Mondays 5:30 pm

**Support Group** meets Mondays 5:30 pm and Saturdays 8:30 am

**Community Playhouse** meets Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at 6:00 pm

**Choir practice** meets each Wednesday at 7 pm

**Church/Nave is Reserved for Rehearsals** every Saturday from 10:00 am–1:00 pm

**Confirmation Class** meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

January 22<sup>nd</sup> – Judy Bell

July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Father Bill and Dana Lee Walters

July 26<sup>th</sup> – Joan Crawford

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

(\* Denotes member) **(Please contact office to add/remove names)**

**Drew Clarke\***, **Betty Catoe**, **Earle Holmes**, **Pat Thompson**, **Wes Revels**, **Eric Sullivan**, **John Riemann\***, **Sandra Caldwell**, **Susan Bowers**, **Sherry Stalvey**, **Gene Alexander\***, **Kevin Jaillette**, **Helen**, **Randy Horton**, **Susanne Horton**, **Nancy Wilson**, **Brenda Sutton**, **Betty Sue Taylor**, **Dixie Roberts**, **Hayes Robinson**, **Richard Knight**, **Joan Bixby\***, **Dianne Johnson**, **Aubrey Crawford\***, **Tric Deaton\***, **Father Bill Walters**, **John Port**, **Michelle Knight**, **Karen**, **Diana**, **Libby Woodruff**, **Earl Adams**, **Cindy Williams**, **Wayne Moore**, **Randall Robinson**, **Diane Plyler**, **Rebecca Bryson**, **John Rhodes**, **Corey Montgomery**, **Buddy Wilson**, **Bill Jarvis**, **Ricky Wilson**, **Jessica Sims**, **Joe Timmons**, **Claudia Haithcock**, **Kathy Wilson**, **Ira & Judy Bell**

## OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Mission Statement –*

*At Christ Episcopal Church we gather to worship, pray, sing, and share so together we may serve our community and the world.*

*Please remember that if you leave a voicemail message any time after Noon on Thursday, the call will not be returned until Monday.*

**A Lenten Opportunity for Spiritual Growth:** *Small Group Study: Parables of the Kingdom in the Gospels.*

To be held: Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm and Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

By uncovering clues in the parables, the group will be able to explain how and why the Kingdom of God, a crucial teaching of Jesus is Good News for the Church and the World.

The group has space for four members (in addition to our two confirmands.)

If you are interested in learning more, or wish to participate, please speak with Fr. Emanuel. 843-32-3362 or [orionigelstar@gmail.com](mailto:orionigelstar@gmail.com)

**ECW special collections:** There will be a box in the Narthex to place bags of individually wrapped candy. This candy will be used for Trunk or Treat in October at Christ Church.

**“The Little Church That Could”:** There is a model of a church in the Narthex to place loose change and small monies. This money will help us reduce our budget deficit.

**Cans for Kitties Project:** To donate your aluminum and tin cans please remove labels and separate aluminum from steel cans and place them in the labeled green trash bin located beside the storage building behind the church. This ministry benefits our feline friends by providing spay/neuter services for cats.

## CHRIST CHURCH NEWS

### OUTREACH

**Ray's Backdoor Ministry: Immediate Needs: Foods with pop-top cans (Vienna sausages, spaghetti o's etc.), crackers, chips and/or any ready to eat foods, socks, gloves & hats. They have plenty of hygiene kits.** Christ Church will continue to support the ongoing needs of this ministry. Please put Ray's Backdoor Ministry on the memo line of your check. God bless you richly for your ongoing contributions.

**H.O.P.E. in Lancaster, Inc.: The ECW is asking Parishioners to bring an extra can (or four) of soup, along with other non-perishable food items for the HOPE shopping cart.**

**HOPE's Greatest Needs: Rice, Grits, Canned assorted veggies, canned beef stew, and canned tuna. Please no family sizes or glass jars.** Place your donated items in the shopping cart. Christ Church is now working with **H.O.P.E.** providing our parking lot as a pick-up location for the monthly "Food Share" program. Your continued support during these economic times is deeply appreciated.

**Our Little Roses Update:** Christ Church has sponsored Katerin Yorleni Bautista for several years. Christ Church has been a basic sponsor in past years. Christ Church Vestry has been decided to increase to a life sponsor. This will include educational and basic life needs, along with money to cover Christmas and birthday, as well as any other needs that may arise. This cost is approximately \$1,600.00. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

# Winter Volunteer Opportunities 2023



Lancaster Area Coalition for the Homeless meets the 2nd Thursday of each month, and is open to any person interested in helping find solutions for and improving their quality of life of people experiencing homelessness in Lancaster County. LACH also is involved in the Transition Shelter operated by UWLC and anticipates opening in Winter of 2023.



The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program provides free tax preparation services to individuals and families with low incomes. Volunteers are trained and certified by the IRS. VITA operates January through April.



Teams of volunteers go out to count the number of people experiencing homelessness in the area, and the data is used to determine federal funding allocations. Volunteers needed mid-to-late January.



Project Connect helps facilitate and distribute free resources and supplies to families who are homeless or impoverished. Volunteers are needed mid-to-late January.



United Way of  
Lancaster County, Inc.  
Community  
Investment  
Panel

Panel members tour and review United Way partner agency programs throughout the county and work closely as a team to develop investment recommendations for funding. CIP operates in March and April and requires a 10-15 hour commitment.

volunteer registration can be completed on our website ([www.uwaylsc.org](http://www.uwaylsc.org)) or by calling 803.283.8923



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# Project Connect



United Way of  
Lancaster County, Inc.

## Volunteers Needed!!

We need volunteers to help disburse resources at these countywide events

Volunteers needed  
10 am - 1:30 pm  
each day for set up,  
handing out items, as well  
as helping us take down  
each event.

**Locations will be at:**

**January 30th**

**First Washington Baptist, Lancaster**

**January 31st**

**Faith Presbyterian Church, Indian Land**

**February 1st**

**Second Baptist Church, Kershaw**

**February 2nd**

**Lancaster Bowling Center, Lancaster**



**Project  
Connect  
needs you  
Jan. 30th -  
Feb 2nd**

**To sign up to volunteer:**



## PARTICIPATING TODAY

**All worship participants please make presence known before service to  
Father Emanuel.**

DATE	PRIEST/ OFFICIANT	PARISH MUSICIAN	E M II	ACOLYTE	USHERS/ GREETERS	TELLERS	ALTAR GUILD	LECTOR	VIDEO OPERATOR
Sunday, January 22, 2023	Phil Emanuel	Dana Lee Walters	Mary Bemis	Mary Bemis	Mike Sistare, Jake Wilson & Melton Mayfield	Mike Sistare & Lynn Blackmon	Robert Horton	Caroline Oliver	Bill Bixby

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

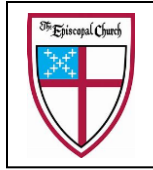
Micah 6:1-8, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Matthew 5:1-12, Psalm 15

## PARTICIPANTS NEXT WEEK

DATE	PRIEST/ OFFICIANT	PARISH MUSICIAN	E M II	ACOLYTE	USHERS/ GREETERS	TELLERS	ALTAR GUILD	LECTOR	VIDEO OPERATOR
Sunday, January 29, 2023	Phil Emanuel	Dana Lee Walters	TBA	Mary Bemis	Mike Sistare, Jake Wilson & Melton Mayfield	Pam Giardiello & Sally Higgins	Robert Horton	Sally Higgins	Wayne Johnson

**Father Emanuel** is available for conversation regarding matters of faith and life at a place of your choosing and at times by appointment. He may be reached via the following:  
[orionrigelstar@gmail.com](mailto:orionrigelstar@gmail.com) or 843-325-3362.

**SERMON:** The sermon is available upon request. Let Father Emanuel know if you want a copy.



**Bishop of the Diocese of Upper S. C.**

The Right Reverend Daniel P. Richards

**Priest**

The Reverend Philip G. Emanuel

**Parish Musician**

Dana Lee Walters

**Video**

Jeff Bixby, Bill Bixby, Linda Baker, Wayne Johnson

**Vestry Members**

Lynn Blackmon ('25), Pam Giardiello ('23), Sally Higgins ('24), Robert Horton ('24),  
Philip McGuirt ('24), Caroline Oliver ('23), Mike Sistare ('25)

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